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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6924**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 360

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 20, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Civil Actions Concerning LP Gas Containers.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill permits an individual to bring a civil action against a person who misuses a liquified petroleum (LP) gas container. The bill awards treble compensatory damages to a person injured as the result of misuse of an LP gas container, and permits the prevailing party to recover court costs and attorney's fees.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional court cases occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if court fees are collected. If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$100 would be assessed. 70% of the court fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources. The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$100 court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts.

**Information Sources:**